

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 3, 2017, as National Speech and Debate
2 Education Day.

3 WHEREAS, established by the National Speech and Debate Association, in
4 conjunction with national and local partners, National Speech and Debate Education Day
5 serves to promote better instruction in speech and debate across all grade levels and to
6 highlight the pivotal roles these abilities play in personal advocacy, social movements,
7 and public policy making; and

8 WHEREAS, speech and debate education helps students develop important skills in
9 communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration through the practice of
10 public speaking. Participants learn not only to analyze and express complex ideas
11 effectively but also to listen, concur, question, or dissent with reason and compassion;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, across the country, countless educators devote in-school, after-school,
14 and weekend time to supporting their students in speech and debate practices and
15 competitions, and the example of hard work and dedication they set has a lasting, positive
16 impact on their students; and

17 WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students well
18 throughout their lives, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize
19 such instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
22 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes March 3, 2017, as
24 National Speech and Debate Education Day.

25 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
26 copy of this Resolution to Representative Susan Westrom for delivery.